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REPUBLIC OF GUINEA, 7-12 JANUARY, 1974

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ITEM. SIXTY-SIX DELEGATES, REPRESENTING TWENTY-SEVEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES; SIX DELEGATES FROM FOUR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND THIRTY-EIGHT MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY CONCLUDE SIX DAY (JANUARY 7 - 12) MEETING OF OAU DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN CONAKRY, REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

FOLLOWING OFFICIAL OPENING OF MEETING BY PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, THE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DELEGATES OF THE OUA DEFENSE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GUINEA'S DEFENSE MINISTER, TOUMANY SANGARE, BEGAN ITS CLOSED WORK SESSIONS IN THE PEOPLE'S PALACE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1974. THE SESSIONS ENDED JANUARY 11.

AMONG THE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE WERE THE FOLLOWING:

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1) A DRAFT RESOLUTION OF GENERAL POLICY; 2) REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE COORDINATION OF THE DEFENSE SYSTEM OF AFRICA; 3) A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON GUINEA BISSAU, AND 4) A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA AND TO PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOUMANY SANGARE, GUINEA MINISTER OF DEFENSE, EXPRESSED HIS HOPES THAT THE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. IN CLOSING, HE MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS: "OUR STRUGGLE IS NOBLE. FACING HUMANITY, WE HAVE A LOFTY CONSCIENCE FOR OUR HANDS ARE NOT STAINED WITH BLOOD. WE MUST NOT SHRINK FROM OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA WILL NOT SHRINK FROM THEIR MILITANT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GREAT AFRICAN REVOLUTION. GUINEA REMAINS FOREVER THE AFRICAN FATHERLAND AND THE GLOWING HEARTH OF THE REVOLUTION. END ITEM.

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